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5. Latin America

In Latin America the Soviets are intensifying their exacerbation of anti-US sentiments to a maximum degree, with a view to isolating the US from her long-standing allies and friends. To this end the Soviets, with Chinese Communist cooperation, have organized a hemispheric coordination-mechanism including CP's from Canada to Argentina; stepped up training of current and future leaders; increased direct contacts (in Moscow and Latin America) with Communist representatives; urged CP's to emerge and fight (successfully) for freedom of action; inspired the intensification of the "peace" campaign to undermine the relation of Latin American countries with the "war-mongering, imperialism" US; placed emphasis on international and national Communist front infiltration of the political elite, youth, student and journalists; taken steps to "improve" infiltration of the trade union movement; and called Latin American CP leaders to a special conference in Moscow this month at which the 1959 anti-US action program for Latin America will be worked out.

For details see attachment A.

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6. South Asia/India

The Communist effort in India is a critical segment of the general campaign in the Afro-Asian area. CP India has, in the past year, revamped its organization to increase its effectiveness in campaigning for mass support at the local level. It has substantially increased its press and propaganda structure, launched intensive Party training programs at the provincial level, and more than doubled Party membership in less than eighteen months. The All-India Trade Unions Congress, the most significant front in India, now claims more than 1,400,000 members and states that it is larger than the competing Indian National Trade Union Congress.

The Party is currently concentrating on attacking the domestic economic policy of the Government of India--not for its objectives--as spelled out in official plans, but rather for its failure to take the kind of measures which are needed to attain its avowed ends. This line was echoed by Pavel Yudin, in his article criticizing Mr. Nehru's views on Communism and Indian Socialism.

This attack, however, is aimed mainly at the Conservative, anti-Communist leaders of the Congress Party. Both Progressive and

Conservative elements of Congress who are not opposed to the Communist Party's campaign for unity are treated cautiously.

A number of leading ex-Communist figures--such as Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, Mayor of Delhi--left the Communist Party since late 1957, only to act thereafter as independents, in cooperation with Congress "Progressives," and the Communist party. This process is creating the nucleus of a new political force in India with which the Communist party can cooperate.

The abrupt strengthening of the Indian Afro-Asian solidarity movement, when it absorbed in January 1959 the dissolved Indian Peace Council, the intensification of the Communist-dominated Peasant Council's campaign to gain influence in the cooperative movement and promote vigorous action on land reform, the Party's agitational campaign to focus attention on the alleged threat to Indian security from Pakistan--all appear to be key elements in this campaign.

The Party is also opposing new foreign investment in India, and criticising the Government for its failure to take measures against existing foreign participation in Indian business enterprise.

7. Far East

Attachment B characterizes briefly the Communist

Movement in Japan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma,

Malaya, Singapore, Philippines, South Vietnam, South Korea.

8. Western Europe

Attachment C characterizes the Movement in Europe which appears on the defensive, with the exception of CP Finland, Spain and Portugal. In Finland direct Soviet diplomatic pressure is applied to force the CP into government. In Spain and Portugal, intensification of CP activity, agitation and unrest within the countries combine.

9. Baghdad Pact Area

Attachment D is an edited abstract from a joint CIA/State Department "Assesment of the Threat of Communist Subversion in the Baghdad Pact Area." The paper is the US submission for the Baghdad Pact Liaison committee which meets in Karachi, 20 January 1959.